

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the final Office Action dated July 3, 2006, claims 1-20 were rejected. In the Amendment Under 37 CFR §1.116 filed on October 3, 2006, claims 18 and 19 were cancelled and claim 16 was amended. The Advisory Action dated October 17, 2006 alleged that the amendment of claim 16 raised new issues that would require further consideration and/or search.

Claims 17 and 18 have been cancelled above exclusively to address the allegation that new issues had been raised. Neither claim 17 nor claim 18 has been cancelled in view of any prior art. Upon entry of this Supplemental Amendment, claims 1-16 will be pending in the present application. No new matter has been added and no new issues have been raised.

Applicants have thoroughly reviewed the outstanding final Office Action and the Advisory Action, including the Examiner's remarks and the reference cited therein. The above claim amendments are believed to be fully responsive to the final Office Action and to the Advisory Action and to place the application in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

At least in view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. If it is believed that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney if it is believed that such contact will expedite the prosecution of the application.

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In the event this paper is not timely filed, Applicants petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fee deficiencies or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-2036.

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